disburse the washing allowance to any of the Education institutions in the jurisdiction of his units;

(d) whether it is a fact that the money was given to unauthorised persons to disburse who misappropriated the entire amount; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the Commanding Officer failed to prepare a list of specimen signatures of the cadets in the beginning of the training session which caused the misappropriation of money on account of washing allowance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 11,000.00 was drawn for disbursement as washing allowance on 2-3-1988 and another Rs. 1,396 on 30-3-1988.

(c) The instructions provide that the washing allowance should be disbursed by the Officers Com manding or their Administrative Officers in the presence of the Head of educational institution or his nominated representative and the NCC officer concerned. These ins tructions were fully complied with

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Ne, Sir.

Regimental Fnnds Collected by 13 UP Girls BN NCC, Ghaziabad

4416. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount collected as Regi- . mental Fund by the 13 UP Girls BN NCC, Ghaziabad during the financial years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) what are the items alongwith amounts on which the Regimental Fund was spent from July, 1985 to July, 1988; and

(c) what are the amounts from the Regimental Fund which remained unspent at the end of each financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) :

(a) The amount of Regimental Fund collected by 13 UP Girls BN NCC Ghazi abad, is as follows:

	Rs.
1985-86	2267-24
1986-87	862-32
1987-88	2878-90

(b) The details of the expenditure from the Regimental Fund during the last three financial years are given in the statement attached. *(See* below)

1985-86	Rs. 3030-55
1986-87	Rs. 2649-31
1987-88	Rs. 4119-44

Statement

Financial year	Items of expenditure from the Regimental Fund	
		Rupees
1985-86	(i) Greeting cards	27-00
	(n) Photos DG/Dy DG	50-00
	(iii) News Paper	217-15
	(iv) Crockery	39-70
	(v) Cash Book .	83-20
	(vi) Flag repair	22-00
	(vii) Bank commission	8-00
	Cviii) Prizes to cadets	216-00
	(ix) Refreshments to cadets and import-tant visitors	363-68
	(x) Cadets Uniform	1050-00
	(xi) Purchase of Book	7-80
	Total:	2084.53
1986-87	(i) Greeting Cards	16-20
	(ii) Photos	25.00
	(iii) Cadet Journal	48.00
	.(iv) News papers	213.50
	(v) Prizes to cadets	101-22
	(vi) Misc.	10-00
	(vii) Refreshments to Cadets and impor-tant visitors	124.80
	(viii) Garlands and flowers	120-00
	(ix) Electricity	140-00
	(x) Telephone Bill	200.00
	(xi) Contingencies	226-55
	(xii) Stationery	18-29
	Total :	1243-56

Financial year	Items of expenditure from the Regimental Fund	
1987-88	(i) Greeting Cards	85-00
	(ii) Cadet Journal	198.00
	(iii) News papers	71-90
	(iv) Stationery	19-00
	(v) Conveyance for cadets	27-00
	(vi) Refreshments for cadets and important visitors	981-00
	(vii) Prizes for cadets	26-00
	TOTAL :	1407-90

Meeting of Standing Committee of Saarc at Kathmando

4417. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether India at the tenth Standing Committee meeting of the SAARC members held in Kathmandu on the 10th August, 1988 had called upon the SAARC members to tackle some core economic sectors within **SAARC** review ;

(b) if so, what was the precise proposal mooted by Indian representative therein; and

(c) what was the response of the SAARC Committee thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) While no specific proposal was put forward, the Foreign Secretary, in his general statement at the Tenth Session of the Standing Committee, emphasised that core economic sectors such as trade, industry, money and finance must form the basic foundation of regional cooperation.

(c) The Standing Committee has not yet decided to include core economic sectors in the areas of cooperation under SAARC.

Pakistan proposal for N-Free South-Asia Zone at Kathmandu SAARC Meeting

4418. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is **a** fact that Pakistan, at the recent SAARC meeting in Kathmandu, has pleaded for a N-Free South-Asia zone;

(b) if so, what was the precise-proposal made out by Pakistan; and

(c) what was the India's reaction thereto in the conference and outside the conference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) In his general statement at the Fifth Session of the SAARC Council of Ministers in Kathmandu or August 11-12—1988 the Pakisten Foreign Minister made a suggestion for a regional undertaking never to develop, acquire **or** deploy nuclear weapons in South Asia.